

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 19, 2007.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Narin et al (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0158709).

Claims 1, 10 and 19 read as follows:

Claim 1.

A method comprising:
maintaining digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, the digital records being accessible by a group member using a web application; and
accessing, by the group member, the web application to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records so as to allow an administrator to add the missing software license.

Claim 10.

A license management system comprising:
a memory adapted to store digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, and
a processor adapted provide a web application to allow a group member to access the digital records, the web application allowing a group member to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records so as to allow an administrator to add the missing software license.

Claim 19.

A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of:

maintaining digital records of software licenses for a group, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses, the digital records being accessible by a group member using a web application; and

in response to accessing, by the group member, the web application to input information concerning an software license that is not stored in the digital records, enabling an administrator to add the missing software license.

These claims include a web application that allows for the accessing of digital records of software license for a group, by a group member, and for imputing information concerning missing references.

Narin does not seem to disclose a web application that allows a group member to access digital records for software licenses.

In Narin, as shown in Figure 6, requests are evaluated based on a certificate in a request or a certificate in a directory. Narin appears to show the directory being updated based on a request. Narin does not appear to show that the user can access any of the records in the directory.

For the above reasons, these independent claims and their dependent claims are believed to be allowable.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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